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Attachments: [ORB Exploration Estimated Pipeline Location.jpg](#)
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Good afternoon,

It is my understanding the each agency has already been contacted, however, I want to touch base with each agency to provide a quick update on the current situation out at Bayou Sorrel and provide the opportunity for each of your agencies involvement. Last week it was brought to our attention that an oil spill occurred in the vicinity of Bayou Sorrel. The location of the spill is noted in white on the diagram attached. ORB Exploration is the facility which owns the transfer line running from their production barge to a low water load out platform when the water level is too low to bring a barge to transfer at the production barge facility. It was originally reported that only ten barrels had been discharged however, we believe this amount to be greater than that after observing how much oil was already recovered and what remains to be recovered. It is estimated that a 4" pipeline 2 miles long would contain 100 barrels of oil. AMPLOL is the cleanup contractor hired by ORB and estimates completion time to be one month. At this time the spill site is over a land area and oil sits on flooded water due to the latest rain. Our jurisdiction resides with the fact that during flood season the water level in the bayou reaches the spill site area which makes the area fall under the definition of a navigable waterway. In addition there are also crawfish traps located in the vicinity of the site which may trigger other concerns for certain agencies. Please let me know if you have any question. 225-281-4785 or the number below.

Respectfully,
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